

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TRAWDEN.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

YEAR 1941.

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Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the Annual Report on the health of Trawden for the year 1941.

The report is again condensed in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, owing to economic and other reasons.

The war, contrary to expectations, has made little or no difference to the health of the inhabitants during the year under consideration. The need for brevity is again apparent.

I wish to thank the Officials of the Council for their help in compiling this report.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. E. ROBINSON.

GENERAL.

The number of cases of acute infectious diseases notified has increased from four last year to thirty eight this year, viz:-

2 Cases of Paratyphoid.

7 " " Scarlet Fever.

12 " " Whooping Cough.

8 " " Diphtheria.

7 " " Measles.

2 " " Pneumonia.

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis.

This year the Birth-rate stands at 7. 7 compared with 10. 0 last year which is a decrease of 2. 3 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The Death-rate this year is 12. 8 compared with 19. 5 last year, which is a decrease of 6. 7 per 1,00 of the estimated population.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	6,815
Population - Census 1931	2,549
Estimated 1941	2,183
Number of inhabited houses - Census 1931	807
do do do 1941 (according to Rate Book)	812
Rateable Value	£9,825
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£38

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1941 (Registrar General's Official Returns.)

ALL Causes - Males 13, Females 15.

Cause of Death	Males.	Females.
Whooping Cough	0	2
Cancer - Malignant Disease	0	1
Intra-cran: vasc: lesions	2	2
Heart Disease	3	3
Bronchitis	2	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	0	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	1	0
Congenital Debility: Premature Birth		
Malformation	1	0
Suicide	0	1
Deaths from Violence	1	1
All other causes	3	3
	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>

		M	F
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	(Total	0	2
	(Legitimate	0	2
	(Illegitimate	0	0
Live Births	(Total	7	10
	(Legitimate	7	10
	(Illegitimate	0	0
Still Births	(Total	1	1
	(Legitimate	1	1
	(Illegitimate		

PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

SMALL POX. - Crown Point Hospital, Burnley. (Controlled by the Burnley Joint Hospital Board).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. - The Marsden Road Sanatorium, Burnley (Controlled by the Burnley Joint Hospital Board), of which the Council is ~~not~~ a constituent Member.

GENERAL. - The Hartley Hospital, Colne, 12 Male and 16 Female beds.

TUBERCULOSIS. - Sanatoria provided by the Lancashire C. C.

MATERNITY. - The Lancashire C. C. have arranged for Trawden patients to be admitted to the Christiana Hartley Maternity Home, Barrowford Road, Colne.

VENEREAL DISEASES. - The Lancashire C. C. have arranged for necessary treatment to be given at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES - The Burnley Joint Hospital Board's Motor Ambulance.

FOR ACCIDENTS AND NON-INFECTIOUS DISEASES - The St. John Motor Ambulance.

FOR MATERNITY PATIENTS - The St. John Motor Ambulance and Motor Cars, privately arranged for by the patients.

These arrangements appear to work very satisfactorily.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE. - A Clinic staffed by the Lancashire C. C. is held in the Skipton Road Methodist Schoolroom every alternate Wednesday, 2 - 4 p.m.

No other Clinics are held in Trawden, but residents may attend the following, under arrangements made by the County Authorities.

TUBERCULOSIS. - At Carr Road, Nelson.

ORTHOPAEDIC. - At Carr Road, Nelson (under 14 years of age).

VENEREAL DISEASES. - Victoria Hospital, Burnley.

Mr. A. Callam, F.R.C.S., of Burnley, acts as consultant under the Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE. - The Public Health Act, 1936.

STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT. - Consists of a Medical Officer of Health (Part time), and a Sanitary Inspector. The latter is also your Surveyor and Water Manager, etc.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING. - There are no arrangements for home nursing of infectious diseases; but, under the Hartley Hospital Scheme, the services of the District Nurses are available for general nursing; and, under the Lancashire C. C. scheme two Midwives serve in the District.

THE SUPPLY OF FOOD AND MILK for expectant and nursing Mothers and Milk for Infants is arranged by the County Authorities.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY. - The water is obtained from springs and a boring in Boulsworth Hill, and is conveyed by pipe direct to the houses. It is of constant supply and the water is of excellent quality; 705 houses and 86 other premises being supplied.

POLLUTION OF RIVERS AND STREAMS. - These powers are under the Joint Board for the District.

TREATMENT OF SEWAGE. - All sewage treated at the works of the Colne Corporation.

CLOSET ACCOMODATION AT END OF 1941 :-

Privy middens :- No. of middens, none.

No. of closets attached to these middens, none.

No. of pail closets, 246.

No. of dry ashpits, 210.

No. of movable ashbins, 440.

No. of houses on water carriage system, 480.

No. of fresh water closets, 381.

No. of waste water closets, 217.

CONVERSIONS:-

	1941	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
No. of Privy closets	(To fresh W.C.s Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	(To waste W.C.s Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	(To pails, etc. Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
No. of Pail closets	(To fresh W.C.s 6	1	3	6	2	2
	(To waste W.C.s Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
No. of Waste W.C.s to Fresh W.C.s	1	0	3	1	3	1
No. of houses at which movable ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptacles.	6	8	6	10	10	13

SCAVENGING is done by contract. House refuse is deposited in a disused quarry, whilst night soil is deposited into the Sewer.

SANITARY INSPECTION DURING 1941.

Number of premises visited	9
do of defects or nuisances discovered	7
Number abated by informal notice	7
Number of notices served	Informal 7 Statutory Nil.

No legal proceedings were necessary.

No action was taken with regard to smoke abatement.

Eradication of bed bugs:- There are no infested premises.

There are no offensive trades in the District.

There are no common lodging-houses, houses-let-in lodgings, tents, vans or sheds, canal boats or underground sleeping rooms.

Workshops and workplaces were found to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The children are educated and cared for at the Council School under ideal conditions. The sanitary condition and water supply of the school are good. The medical inspection of the children is undertaken by the County Authorities.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

a. Total including numbers given separately under b. ...	Nil.
(i) By the Local Authority	Nil.
(ii) By other Local Authorities	Nil.
(iii) By other bodies and persons	Nil.
b. With State assistance under the Housing Act:-	
(i) By the Local Authority	Nil.
(ii) By other bodies or persons	Nil.

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year:-

No housing inspections made owing to war conditions.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY. - No action was taken during the past year with regard to the administration of the various Acts and Orders.

There is one producer of designated milk.

Cowsheds and Milkshops are inspected periodically and their conditions is not satisfactory.

Number of Dairy Farms	52.
Approximate number of cows	500.
Number of Cowkeepers	52.
do on Register	34.
do of Inspections during year	Nil.
do of Milk Purveyors (not Cowkeepers)	Nil.
do do do on Register	Nil.

No action was taken re tuberculosis milk and no samples were bacteriologically examined.

PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES. - Number registered, Nil.

Number licensed, 3.

BAKEHOUSES. - Five exist and are in good condition.

ADULTERATION. - Inspections under the Food and Drugs Acts are performed by the County Constabulary.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Thirt Eight cases of Infectious Disease occurred during the year. Bacteriological Examinations are made at the Public Health Laboratory, Burnley.

Specimens examined were:- Thirteen.

DISINFECTION. - Fourteen houses were disinfected by means of fumigators.

No articles were disinfected at the Refuse Destructor Works, Colne.

TUBERCULOSIS. - No cases were notified.

No action was taken under the P.H. (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or P.H.A. 1925 Section 62.

No cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum occurred.

Council Offices,
Trawden Forest,
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October, 1942.